

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Rehagen-Klausdorf-Kummersdorf Area

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. On 22 May 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf-firing range was occupied not to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed en route from and to the installation. ¹
2. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route from and to the ammunition plant.
3. On 21 May, 8 trucks [redacted] each towing a van-like trailer, were seen in Sperenberg, proceeding toward Schoenefeld.
4. On 25 May, the barracks installation at Schunke Lake, Sperenberg, was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. From 11 to 23 May, about 180 troops who were drilling or singing, about 40 tank trucks with trailers, and about 50 trucks [redacted] were seen in the barracks area. Between 11 and 22 May, truck [redacted] weekly delivered laundry for about 400 troops. ²
5. On 15 May, the Artillerie Kaserne at the Kummersdorf-firing range was occupied by about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 6 and 15 May, about 400 to 500 troops were daily observed at drill. Newly-arrived troops, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, have been observed for about 3 weeks. About 500 trucks were in the motor vehicle sheds. [redacted]

6. On 15 May, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne was occupied by about 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets. Since 14 May, several microwave radio trucks were parked in the barracks yard. The previously reported four guns were at the same place, and at least 20 trucks and about 6 radio trucks were seen in the barracks area. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were continually hauling away billeting equipment. 3

7. On 15 May, the barracks installation at Schumke Lake [redacted] 25X1
 was occupied to capacity. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 and, a few, artillery insignia were observed. [redacted] 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. No definite information could be obtained on the new occupa-
 tion of the Artillerie Kaserne in Kammersdorf. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The truck with the laundry [redacted] of paragraph
 4, belongs to a unit of the GCFG stationed in the barracks installation Golm,
 Potsdam. This observation strengthens a previous assumption, according to
 which a signal unit of the GCFG from Potsdam had been transferred to the
 barracks installation on Schumke Lake. [redacted] It is,
 however, undetermined, whether the troops wearing black-bordered black
 epaulets belong to this signal unit or the rear detail of the 35th Engr
 Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army, which moved to Apollensdorf. Further-
 more, it is undetermined whether the engineer regiment with its transfer
 to Apollensdorf actually changed its post which, however, appears probable,
 as Apollensdorf had been vacated by a KVP school. An occupation by an artil-
 lery unit with red-bordered black epaulets of the barracks installation on
 Schumke Lake appears not probable. [redacted] probably [redacted] AAA units of the
 2d Gds AAA Div from the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne located nearby. Units of
 this division were repeatedly entrained from the ramps in the barracks
 installation on Schumke Lake.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div are carried in the Eisenbahn-
 pionier Kaserne as previously. A regiment of this division, since late
 April 1953, can rather definitely be carried in the new barracks installa-
 tions southeast of Ruedersdorf. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. For information on the location and designation of the in-
 stallations mentioned [redacted]. The following changes in
 the distribution of units in the Kammersdorf area are discernible:

a. Transfer from Kammersdorf and Rehagen.

<u>To</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Previous location</u>
Kochstedt	62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army	Artillerie Kaserne at Kammersdorf-firing range
Apollensdorf	35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army	barracks installation on Schumke Lake
Ruedersdorf	a regiment of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the GCFG	Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne

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b. Transfer to Kummersdorf and Rehagen.

<u>From</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>New location</u>
Potsdam, barracks in - stallation in Wildpark-West	56th Motor Trans Regt of the GDFG, possibly only elements of this unit	Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf-firing range
Potsdam, barracks installation in Golm	repair shop of the GDFG	Artillerie Kaserne at the the Kummersdorf-firing range
Potsdam, barracks installation in Golm	U/1 Sig unit of the GDFG	barracks installation on Schumke Lake

This would leave the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne partly unoccupied. These changes may have been caused by the intention to transfer units of the GDFG from Potsdam to vacate quarters for the KVP or, possibly, SCC offices from Karlshorst. At the same time, the measures resulted in a closer concentration of GHQ units around Wuensdorf.

It is furthermore pointed out that the AAA division and the engineer regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army were moved about 80 km westward to the Wittenberg-Dessau area; and that a medium AAA regiment of the 2d Gds AAA Div was transferred to the area of the prepared head-quarters installation, which may be scheduled for combat-train echelons of the group headquarters.

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